



# SPEAKING NOTES

**COVID-19 media briefing notes - Karen Redman**

**December 22, 2020**

## **Welcome**

Welcome everyone to this week's community update. Lots to talk about today. In addition to medical officer of health Dr. Hsiu-Li Wang and Deputy Chief Shirley Hilton, we will have Grand River Hospital president, Ron Gagnon join us for an update today. Thank you all for being here.

## **In this together campaign**

Today we are launching the "In this together" campaign with the Regional municipalities and public sector organizations. It's been a tough year to say the least and the goal of the campaign is to bring our region together, to help support and protect each other. As we patiently wait for the vaccine to be distributed, and as we limit contact to our household only, it's important to continue to be kind to yourself and each other. You are welcome to show your support by displaying one of our signs in your window, or you can post the image on social media using the hashtag #BeKindWR. Images are available in 10 different languages on the Region's website. Here is the sign.

## **Enforcement and shutdown**

In lieu of an enforcement update, I would like to say that the Region and its enforcement partners (the water region police service, municipal by-law and public health inspectors) will continue to educate and enforce by-laws, including fines where necessary, for as long as necessary, to keep people



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safe. Over the holidays, throughout the province-wide shutdown and beyond until public health measures are no longer in place.

The province has announced a shutdown starting at midnight Dec. 26.

Dr. Wang can update us on what it means for Waterloo Region as well as provide a public health update.

## **Dr. Wang's COVID-19 update**

## **Deputy Hilton's vaccine update**

## **Ron Gagnon**

I'd like to introduce Ron Gagnon, President of the Grand River Hospital, which was chosen to be one of the new COVID-19 vaccine locations and received their first shipment yesterday. Ron can you please give us an update on what will be happening at the hospital in the next few weeks?

## **Holiday Greeting and Glee video**

We will do our next community update on Dec. 29 at 11:30 a.m. between Christmas and New Years. For those who celebrate, I wish you a joyful Christmas while staying home for the holidays. To help kick off the holiday spirit, and the stay home message, we are leaving you with this inspiring performance by our local KW Glee club performers. Enjoy.

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